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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN

1. DURING RECENT ROUND OF U.S.-SOVIET TALKS ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE PRACTICE OF BRIEFING
UN INDIAN OCEAN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS OF THE
TALKS. WE HAVE AGREED ON PARAMETERS TO BE USED IN SUCH A
BRIEFING. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL ATTEMPT
TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE FOR
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5. MISSION SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR
SAME DAY AND DRAW UPON FOLLOWING AGREED PARAMETERS IN
BRIEFING AMERASINGHE. IF YOU THINK IT APPROPRIATE, YOU
MAY LEAVE NON-PAPER WITH AMERASINGHE.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

MAIN POINTS OF INFORMATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL
UNITED NATION'S COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

AS WAS AGREED BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN SIDES, FROM
26 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER 1977 IN WASHINGTON SOVIET-
AMERICA TALKS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE INDIAN OCEAN
WERE CONTINUED.

IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH
REGARD TO APPROACHES TO ARMS LIMITATION IN THE AREA TOOK
PLACE. THE MEETINGS PROVIDED THE TWO SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY
TO SPECIFY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERA-
TION, TO EXPLORE ELEMENTS OF SIMILARITY IN THE POSITIONS
OF BOTH SIDES, AND CLARIFY QUESTIONS WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER
EFFORT TO OVERCOME THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES. BOTH SIDES
EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN ACHIEVING PRACTICAL RESULTS
IN THE TALKS WHICH WOULD PROMOTE THE STRENGTHENING OF
PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE
LESSENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. THE TWO SIDES NOTED
THAT THE TALKS ENTERED AN ADVANCED STAGE.

THE POSSIBILITY OF A STAGE-BY-STAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF
CORRESPONDING MEASURES WAS CONSIDERED. THE TWO SIDES CAME
TO THE OPINION THAT INITIAL STEPS SHOULD EFFECTIVELY
CONTRIBUTE TO PREVENTING A FURTHER ARMS RACE IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN AREA AND EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO MOVE PROMPTLY
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IN THE PERIOD OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH INITIAL STEPS
TO CONSIDER FURTHER NEGOTIATION ON REDUCTION.

BOTH SIDES CONFIRMED THAT THEY REGARDED WITH UNDERSTANDING
AND RESPECT THE DESIRE OF THE LITTORAL STATES OF THE
INDIAN OCEAN AREA TO BRING ABOUT THE STRENGTHENING OF THE
SECURITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN THE AREA.
THEY WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE THIS DESIRE INTO ACCOUNT IN
THEIR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY
AGREED TO INFORM THE UNITED NATION'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
THE INDIAN OCEAN, THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN, ABOUT THE PRO-
GRESS OF THE TALKS.

SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE INDIAN
OCEAN WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END TEXT.

3. WHILE YOU SHOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE
AGREED US-SOVIET TEXT SUMMARY OF TALKS WOULD MAKE IT
POSSIBLE TO CONVEY THESE POINTS IN MORE COLLOQUIAL
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